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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2007. Claims 1-47 are pending. Claims 1-47 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-35 and 41-47 are said to be drawn to colorimetric sensor, classified in Class 422, subclass 55; and
- II. Claims 36-40 are said to be drawn to method for detecting the presence of an analyte, classified in Class 436, subclass 166.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. This election reads on the claims identified above for Group I.

The Examiner requested the selection of a single species. Applicants select aluminum metal as the reflective layer, an acrylate copolymer as the detection layer (see Example 1 for a particularly specific acrylate copolymer), and silver as the semi-reflective layer. The selection of this species reads on the following claims within Group I: 1-17, 19-35, and 41-47.